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ISBN: 091532444X
A helpful, annotated subject listing of children's books, for ages up to 6th grade level.

Rodda, Dorothy [compiler] CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE LIBRARY RESOURCES. Fifth Revised Edition. CSLA, 1992. $6.00pb.
ISBN: 0915324334
Provides a basic list of the resources currently available to help librarians and library committees in organizing and operating effective congregational libraries. Includes descriptions of other CSLA publications which will be helpful and are available to the church librarian.

Thomas, Virginia Coffin and Betty Davis Miller. CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN. Westminster John Knox, 1986. $18.95pb.
ISBN: 0804216908
An annotated resource for teaching, learning and worship. Parents and educators, as well as church librarians, will find a wealth of information here.

Trelease, Jim. THE READ-ALOUD HANDBOOK. Fifth Edition. Penguin, 2001. $15.00pb.
ISBN: 0141001615
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THE MESSAGE: THE BIBLE IN CONTEMPORARY LANGUAGE. NavPress, 2002. $39.99. A recently written paraphrase by Eugene H. Peterson (To be completed in July, 2002). It presents the Scriptures in contemporary conversational language that gives a fresh perspective on the Bible.

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Phillips, J. B. THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MODERN ENGLISH. A popular paraphrase of the New Testament which has become a modern classic.

REVISED ENGLISH BIBLE (REB). A translation from the original tongues by representatives of major Protestant bodies of Great Britain.

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Anderson, Bernhard W. UNDERSTANDING THE OLD TESTAMENT. Fourth edition. Prentice-Hall, 1986. $60.00.
ISBN: 0139359257
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Barclay, William. THE DAILY STUDY BIBLE. Revised edition. Westminster John Knox, 1993. 17 volumes. $30.00 each, $190.00 set. ($12.95pb each)
ISBN: 0664240984
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Buttrick, George A. and Keith R. Crim [editors] THE INTERPRETER'S DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE. Abingdon, 1981. Five volumes. $175.00.
ISBN: 0687192684
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Freedman, David Noel [editor] EERDMANS DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE. Eerdmans, 2000. $45.00.
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Kee, Harold Clark. UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT. Fifth edition. Prentice-Hall, 1993. $83.00.
ISBN: 0139482660
The story of the emerging Christian community and the writings which were developed with its growth.

Keller, Werner. THE BIBLE AS HISTORY: A CONFIRMATION OF THE BOOK OF BOOKS. Revised edition. Translated by William Neil. Bantam, 1983. $7.99pb.
ISBN: 0553279432
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NEW STRONG'S EXHAUSTIVE CONCORDANCE OF THE BIBLE, Nelson, 1990. $19.99.
ISBN: 078526096X
A classic reference since 1894, this edition is the most complete concordance available today. It introduces the "Key Word Comparison" of selected words and phrases in the KJV with five leading modern translations: RSV, NES, JB, NAS and NIV.

Ralph, Margaret Nutting. AND GOD SAID WHAT? Paulist, 1986. $14.95pb.
ISBN: 0809127806
Discusses the various types of writing in the Bible — history, poetry, prophecy, allegory, etc. — and how each type should be read.

Shanks, Hershel [editor] UNDERSTANDING THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS: A READER FROM THE BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY REVIEW. Vintage, 1993. $14.00pb.
ISBN: 0679744452
An illuminating assessment of what the Dead Sea Scroll texts reveal about a lost era in the history of Christianity and Judaism. This anthology reveals the true significance of the greatest archaeological discovery of our time.

Throckmorton, Burton H. Jr. [editor] GOSPEL PARALLELS: A COMPARISON OF THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS/NRSV. Fifth Edition. Nelson, 1993. $29.99
ISBN: 0840774842
A classic since 1949, this book presents the Synoptic Gospels side-by-side for easy comparative study. Now fully revised and updated with enlarged type size.

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ISBN: 0817006869
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Barclay, William. THE MIND OF JESUS. Harper, 1976. $18.00pb.
ISBN: 0060604514
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Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP. Second edition. Peter Smith, 1983. $24.50 ($12.00pb.)
ISBN: 0844659606
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ISBN: 0060608757
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ISBN: 0060652888
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[Lewis, C. S.] THE QUOTABLE LEWIS, edited by Wayne Martindale and Jerry Root. Tyndale House, 1990. $19.95.
ISBN: 0842351159
An encyclopedic selection of quotes compiled from the complete published works of C. S. Lewis.

Norris, Kathleen. AMAZING GRACE: A VOCABULARY OF FAITH. Riverhead Books, 1998. $24.95.
ISBN: 1573220787
For anyone who has found the language of religion alien, this book will help to grasp its meaning. The author challenges the fears of difficult theological concepts and gives believers and doubters alike an illuminating perspective on them.

Nouwen, Henri J. M. THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON: A MEDITATION ON FATHERS, BROTHERS, AND SONS. Doubleday, 1992. $25.00.
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Here is a deeply personal and resonant meditation on the parable that can truly help us to understand what Jesus meant when he talked about the Kingdom of God.

[Nouwen, Henri J. M.] SEEDS OF HOPE: A HENRI NOUWEN READER, edited by Robert Durback. Second edition. Doubleday, 1997. $11.95pb.
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Livingstone, Elizabeth A. [editor] OXFORD CONCISE DICTIONARY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Second edition. Oxford, 2000. $16.95pb.
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